GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEPHONE FACILITIES IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether urban and rural areas of all the districts of Karnataka have been provided with telephone facilities;

(b) if not, the number of villages where telephone facility has not been provided, district-wise;

(c) the details of the waiting list in rural areas of Karnataka, district-wise;

(d) the reasons behind the alleged failure of Union Government in achieving the targets of National Telecom Policy in rural areas;

(e) the time by when the waiting list of telephone connections in rural areas of Karnataka is likely to be cleared;

(f) the amount provided for this purpose; and

(g) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. Urban areas in all the districts & accessible, inhabitated and undisputed villages in Karnataka have been provided with telephone facilities.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Details are given in the Annexure.

(d) As per Objectives of New Telecom Policy, 1999, the target is to achieve the rural tele-density from 0.4 to 4% by year 2010. The present tele-density is 1.63%. It is expected that the target of 4% fixed under NTP 1999 will be achieved by 2010.

(e) Majority of the present waiting list is expected to be cleared by June, 2006.

(f) The amount allocated for providing telephones in rural areas in 2004-05 is Rs. 156.11 crores.

(g) The waiting list in villages is proposed to be cleared by using CDMA Wirless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment.

ANNEXURE

WAITING LIST IN THE RURAL AREAS OF KARNATAKA

Sl. No.	Revenue Districts	Rural Waiting List
1	Bangalore (Rural)	11,921
2	Bidar	81
3	Belgaum	6,449
4	Bijapur	2,478
5	Bagalkot	1,046
6	Chikmaglur	1,996
7	Davangere	780
8	Chitradurga (CTL)	1,730
9	Dakshina Kannada	9,934
10	Udupi	10,408
11	Gulbarga	2,385
12	Hassan	4,064
13	Hubli	563
14	Gadag	897
15	Haveri	1,786
16	Kolar	3,498

17	Mysore	2,685
18	Chamraj Nagar	75
19	Mandya	3,402
20	Kodagu	2,921
21	Raichur	2,299
22	Koppal	598
23	Shimoga	7,120
24	Tumkur	3,557
25	Uttar Kannada	1,412